

NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP

The Governor Releases Innocent Man From Penitentiary.

THE PUDDLERS' STRIKE

Thomas Short, of Russell County, served eight years for a murder he never committed—Employees of the Old Dominion Sail Works Walk Out—An Elopement—Death of Major Cecil.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)
Richmond, Va., July 22.—Governor Tyler has granted a pardon to an innocent man who has been incarcerated within the walls of the State penitentiary for eight years, not half of the term to which he was sentenced.

In the latter part of 1892 a man named McGraw was killed one night at a house of ill-fame, in Russell county. There were several other men in the house. A few minutes before he died McGraw stated that Thomas Short did the shooting and Short was arrested. At the trial there was no direct evidence of the shooting by McGraw. Short was convicted upon the dying statement of McGraw.

He protested his innocence and has always done so. He has been a model prisoner, though knowing all these years of the terrible blunder the jury had made. He was given eighteen years.

FRIENDS WERE TRUE.
But he has had friends who did not forget him. Colonel Browning, of Pocahontas, has very much interested himself in the case. Mr. E. S. Pinney, the prosecuting attorney at the trial of Short, writes to Governor Tyler that he recently had a conversation with a witness who is positive that it was an impossibility for McGraw to have been killed by Short. Mr. Pinney and Judge W. A. Ayers, who presided at the trial, both think Short innocent. The witness who establishes Short's innocence is a lumberman who left the State immediately after the killing and before the trial, hence his testimony could not be secured at the trial of Short.

HARD, BUT NO REDRESS.
Short has been set free and left to-day for his home, in Russell. His case is a hard one. But it is one in which there is no redress.

THE PUDDLERS' STRIKE.

The puddlers' strike at the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works may or may not assume serious proportions, the determining factor in the matter consisting in the persistence and staying qualities of the men. It is reasonably safe to say that the advance to \$4 per ton contended for will not be granted, certainly at present, so that the presumption of work depends on the men themselves. Their determination to remain out has not weakened to-day, and puddlers who were interviewed declared that they have not the remotest idea of returning to the furnaces until their demand, which they consider a reasonable one, has been complied with.

MEN RESENTFUL.

The men bitterly resent the suggestion emanating from higher officials of the company that the wage scale here is controlled by prices paid at Harrisburg, The Pennsylvania city, they point out, is on an extremely cheap basis, only one other iron town, Pottsville, Pa., paying a lower price to puddlers.

"What we are contending for," said one of the puddlers to-day, "is the prevailing schedule throughout the East—\$4 a ton. That is not a high figure. In the South and West the rate varies from \$5.00 to \$5.50, and in the Ohio Valley, where the best prices obtain, the figure exceeds \$5.50."

Three months ago the puddlers at the Old Dominion Works were paid \$2.75 per ton. Successive advances of 25 cents a clip brought the price to \$3.50, where it rested until Tuesday, when notices were posted announcing a further rise of 25 cents, making the figure \$3.75. While there has thus been a considerable increase of wages within a comparatively brief time, the striking puddlers declare that the better figures were obtained in each instance after the men had taken the initiative for the advance.

The present strike first assumed tangible form last week, when a meeting of the puddlers was held and a committee of three appointed to ask an increase of 50 cents per ton. The committee waited on President Clark Friday or Saturday. The demand was not acceded to. On Tuesday morning the company posted the notice announcing the \$3.75 rate. Tuesday night the puddlers walked out.

DEMAND FOR WORKERS.

An incentive to independence on the part of the strikers is found in the very general demand for workers in the departments of the iron industry consequent upon the revival of activity in the business.

AN ELOPEMENT.

Mr. James M. Langhorne, bookkeeper for a firm in the Tobacco Exchange building, and Miss V. Myrtle Dabney, daughter of Mr. R. A. E. Dabney, eloped to Washington yesterday and were married in the city last night. The bride is only about 17 years old and is quite a belle. It is said her parents objected to the marriage on account of her youth. Only a few intimate friends knew of the plans for the wedding. Miss Dabney left home yesterday making no excuse satisfactory to her parents. She was joined by Mr. Langhorne and they took a train for Washington.

The marriage occurred at 8:30 o'clock last night.

DEATH OF MAJOR CECIL.

A telegram was received here this morning stating that Major William P. Cecil, a man widely known all over this State, died at his home, in Giles county, last evening at 7 o'clock in the 79th year of his age.

DR. BROWN BETTER.

The condition of Rev. Dr. A. G. Brown, who is ill at his home, in Ashland, is considerably improved to-day.

TOWN OF SUFFOLK

Coroner's Jury in Metcalf Drowning Case Renders Verdict.

Nansemond's Delegates to Senatorial Convention Will Be Named August 14—A Mid-Summer Marriage—Personal and General News Notes.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)
Suffolk, Va., July 22.—The Coroner's jury summoned last Sunday to inquire into the drowning of E. B. Metcalf and 18-year-old daughter, Maud Morna, had an adjourned meeting this afternoon. The jury's verdict was that the deceased met their death accidentally. When they adjourned Sunday the daughter's body was not found, and it wasn't known whether she was dead or had been abducted, and they wanted further evidence.

No formal verdict was written. That was omitted to save the family expense. The law provides the deceased's estate shall settle the cost of an inquisition. Who has been done by Coroner Eley. Hurricane Branch, Dr. Whitehead and the jurors will not be charged for. The jurors were: J. A. Kyle, Peter G. Shea, J. Parker, J. T. Ramsay, Robert Harrell and Phil Becker. The magnanimity of all concerned is very commendable.

SENATORIAL DELEGATES.
Nansemond's twenty-six delegates to the Senatorial convention will be named at a mass meeting of Democrats to be held in Suffolk, August 14, court day. There are persons who wanted district meetings to do it, but they were in the minority. The plan was determined on to-day at a meeting of the County Executive Committee held in the Mayor's office.

Pruden, J. E. Booker presided and P. L. Pruden was secretary. There were present just a quorum—A. S. Eley, E. B. Britt, John R. Pinner, by proxy; J. R. Holland, J. K. P. Daugherty, M. F. Lloyd, M. J. Kilby and W. N. Harrell, by proxy by Rega Williamson.

BRIEF PROCEEDINGS.
The chairman called the meeting to order and stated its object. Captain Britt offered the motion to select delegates at a big mass meeting, voters from the several districts to assemble together on the court green. The convention will meet in Suffolk August 24.

Nothing was decided on concerning the nomination of a delegate to the General Assembly. The August mass meeting will do that.

MIDSUMMER MARRIAGE.

A license was issued to-day for the marriage next Wednesday of Miss Katherine W. Fleming, of Suffolk, to Mr. William M. Sorey, of Hampton, Va. The ceremony will be performed in the Baptist Church at 8 o'clock in the morning. The honeymoon will last till August 24.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

R. J. Bartlett and wife to Geneva Oliver, 171 acres in Chuckatuck district; \$2,000.
J. P. Hall, L. W. Jordan and others to Mary Moore, one lot on Van Buren street; \$75.

Robert D. Rothe and Christian Boothe to Richard Talbot, a small tract in Cypress district; \$120.

SOME PEOPLE'S DOINGS.

Misses Jennie Ware and Annie Pretlow, of Franklin, Va., came to-day for several days' visit to their sister, Mrs. James L. McLemore.

Chairman Walter Jordan, of the County Supervisors, made his monthly trip to Suffolk to-day for the purpose of signing county warrants.

Schooner Oliver cleared to-day with a lumber cargo from the Suffolk Sawmill Company.

Miss Kittle Bryant, of Franklin, is being entertained by Miss Minnie Brothers.

Miss Elizabeth Scott Booker returned to-day from a visit to Miss Elm. Carney, at Churchland.

Miss Mary Delk arrived to-night from Roanoke, Va., where she attended a teachers' institute.

These will be Rev. J. F. Love's subjects at the Baptist Church under "The Life and Death Struggle" and "The Christian Proprietorship of the World."

Miss Hettie Eley, of Norfolk, came to-day to be Mrs. W. E. Brinkley's guest.

Hon. John C. Parker, of Franklin, Va., was in Suffolk to-day. He is just from Dinwiddie county, where he passed some days in legal work.

Professor W. W. Briggs, of Locust Dale Academy, who had been a guest of Suffolk relatives some days, told them good-bye this morning.

Miss Annie Delk, of Norfolk, came this morning to pass some weeks with her mother, in Suffolk. She was accompanied by her twin sister.

Mr. Ed. Blanchard and family, of Roanoke, arrived to-night to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blanchard, Kirby street.

Miss Emmie Butler to-day found on the street a medal inscribed "B. M. A. Scholarship 1876." The owner can have it by proving the title.

Mrs. H. Woodward and Miss Mary Saunders left to-day for a lengthy visit to Burlington, N. C. This is the first time Mrs. Woodward has left home for a long stay since her marriage.

Miss Katie Holladay left this morning for Virginia Beach. Her brother, P. A. Holladay, joined her there to-night.

NEWPORT NEWS.

REGULATING SUNDAY SALES—CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.
Newport News, Va., July 22.—All of the proprietors of drug stores, cigar stores and other merchants engaged in the sale of cigars, tobacco, candy and fruit have been notified by the police that hereafter they must observe the city ordinance regulating the sale of the same and that any violations will be made punishable by the fine provided for.

The same ordinance which prohibits

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the sale of all articles on Sunday except medicines, newspapers and periodicals was designed to include soda water as well as cigars, tobacco, candy and fruit, but Justice J. D. G. Brown holds that soda water as it is sold in the drug stores is a public benefit and hence a necessity, and he believes that to deprive the people of this means of quenching their thirst on the Sabbath would result in more harm than good.

WILL BRING BACK HIS YACHT.
President E. C. Hillyer, of the Peninsula Electric Light and Power Company, is now in New York. It is reported that when he returns to the city next week he will bring his new yacht, which was purchased several weeks ago and has been fitting out at New York. The vessel is a magnificent steam yacht, 70 feet long, 13 feet beam, with a 100-horse-power triple-expansion engine.

CARPENTER KILBY'S MEDAL.
The bronze medal recently awarded Carpenter Ted Kilby, U. S. N., by an act of Congress, giving bronze medals to all officers and men of the Asiatic Squadron in memory of the battle of Manila, is indeed a thing of beauty. The receipt of this medal has been noted previously. Carpenter Kilby was on board the Raleigh during the Manila Bay encounter.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.
Next Thursday the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company will take formal charge of the Peninsula Electric Light and Power Company's plant, and from that date the latter will be a part of the railway's ownings.

ALLEGHANY SPRINGS.
HOW TIME IS SPENT AT THIS DELIGHTFUL RESORT.
(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)
Alleghany Springs, Va., July 22.—This week has been one of marked increase in guests at the Alleghany. Many cottages are now occupied and more are engaged.

Bathing, fishing, driving, dancing, card playing and even love-making are among the popular amusements. That love-making is in the air was proven by a conversation that took place the other night between a young man and several of his friends. "I'll tell you, I found a sweet one to-day." "Where?" "You don't know her? What is she like?" "Well, she didn't encourage me much, but Cupid was around and busy, too. I'll tell you. Oh, the way she looked at me." "What's her name?" "I asked several voices. With that the young man commenced whistling. "Sweet Alice Ben Bolt." She must be a charmer," said one, "if she can make that stick sentimental."

The weather is so delightfully cool that anybody suffers from heat. And the water is such a tonic that invalids are up and walking around in a few days. One who claimed to be almost an invalid when she came here was actually seen skipping down the beach the other day. It is impossible, what with the water, the attention of an excellent physician and the courtesy of the host and his assistants to remain sick at Alleghany.

Among the Virginians who have recently registered are: Mr. R. W. Whitehurst and daughter, Miss Jessie; Mrs. C. A. Bew, Mrs. J. G. Peake and three children, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. John L. Watson and daughter, Miss Louise; Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. John S. Witt and family, Mr. John Katz and wife, Mr. W. S. Fore and family, Mr. T. M. Terry and family, Mr. W. B. Bigbie and family; Dr. R. W. Martin, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. M. E. Peters, Mr. Dare Peters, Mrs. Noah K. Davis, Miss Davis and Miss Clara Belle Davis, University of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gilmore with their two daughters, Misses Bertha and Elsie Gilmore, Miss Katie Bedford, Richmond, Va.; Mr. F. H. Gilkeson, Salem, Va.; Dr. C. T. Carter and mother, Danville, Va.

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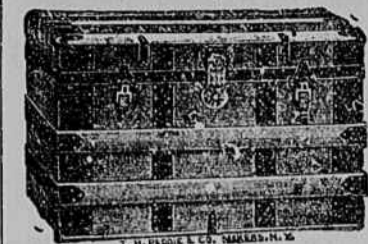
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